

Charles Preston Warren

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CHARLES (CHUCK) WARREN was a physical anthropologist who became a well-known forensic anthropologist in Chicago the last years of his life. He graduated with a B.S. in zoology from Northwestern University in 1947 and then moved on to anthropology, receiving an M.A. in anthropology from Indiana University in 1950. He received a Fulbright Research Award in 1950 to work in the Philippines, and that is where I met him. He took some anthropology courses at the University of the Philippines with H. Otley Beyer and then went in to the field with Bob Fox for ethnographic research on the Palawan and Batak ethnic groups on Palawan. Fox was working with the American Graves Registration Service in Manila, and when he left in 1951 to study for his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, Chuck took over the position. From the Philippines Chuck moved to Japan (with his wife, Lastinia, and two young sons) to work with Tadao Furue on identification of war dead from Korea. He was in Japan until 1955.

Returning to the United States Chuck became an instructor in anthropology with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the University of Illinois at the Chicago Undergraduate Division, where he stayed until 1965. From 1957 to 1964 he was also a research associate with the Philippine Studies Program at the University of Chicago. As an assistant professor he organized the new Department of Anthropology at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. He took leave from 1973 to 1975 to serve as Physical Anthropologist for the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory at Sattahip, Thailand. While serving in Thailand, he managed to visit Ban Chiang and other prehistoric archaeological sites in Thailand. After his return to the University of Illinois at Chicago, he included considerable archaeology of Thailand and Southeast Asia in his Introduction to Archaeology and Ethnography of Southeast Asia courses. He was an early subscriber to *Asian Perspectives* and kept up on developments in Southeast Asian prehistoric archaeology.

A new interest the last few years of his life was in the Negrito ethnic groups of the Philippines. He felt, no doubt correctly, that most anthropologists considered all Negrito groups of the Philippines, and for that matter of Southeast Asia, to be fundamentally similar. He realized that each of the widely separated Negrito groups in the Philippines was as distinct from the other as were the many other, better-known, non-Negrito minority ethnic groups of the Philippines distinct from each other. He was hoping to return to do more field work with Negrito groups in the Philippines when the cancer that he had developed caught up with him.

Chuck and Lastinia were good friends of mine. We always lived far apart so never saw much of each other, but whenever I stopped over in Chicago I would stay with them. I miss his not being there.

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